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FROZEN SOLID - snow plowed from Main Street and shoveled from sidewalks creates a barrier between cars and the city's sidewalks. Most of the snow and ice remains from storms which hit before Christmas. Bitter cold temperatures have kept the mercury below 32 degrees for over a month. (NEWS Photo)



FOREST CITY MERCHANTS cooperate to hire snow removal crews. As shown above, all snow has been removed for sidewalks and the curb areas in the Forest City business district. The merchants pay about \$20 each to have the snow hauled away after a significant snowfall. (NEWS Photo)



DEEP RUTS are commonplace on most of Carbondale's residential streets. On Terrace Street the depth of the rut measured six inches in solid ice. The only hope of clearing the street of the ice is to get the city's road grader back in working order (see related story on page 8) or experience several days of warm weather. (NEWS Photo)

New budget includes tax hike

Carbondale city council Monday night passed an emergency ordinance to put into effect the 1984 budget which includes a three mill property tax increase and a garbage collection fee.

By a 5-1 council vote, property taxes will increase from 20 mills to 23 mills and a \$40 per year per dwelling garbage collection fee will be levied, with a 25 percent discount if paid within 60 days.

Councilman John Moran voted against the budget. He has proposed raising the city's wage tax as an alternative to the three mill property tax increase.

An hour before the council's regular meeting, a public meeting was held on the 1984 budget. Council members listened to council chambers and the overflow crowded the hallway outside.

Several residents voiced their opinions on the garbage tax and the millage. The consensus was opposition to the property tax increase in favor of a per capita tax or wage tax increase.

Frank Burnett, 106 Terrace Street, pointed out that most of the property owners in Carbondale are about 60 years old and/or on fixed incomes.

One citizen asked the council why the public meeting wasn't publicized as required by law. Council president Michael Tolierico responded by saying that without a 1984 budget, the city could not legally "spend a nickel except for payroll." The city, therefore, did not have the time to advertise the public meeting.

Tolierico added that there will be another public meeting held before the council amends its 1984 budget. Amendments will likely provide more revenue, possibly in the form of new taxes or a tax increase. This will accommodate a bank loan to help pay off the city's debt, estimated at over \$600,000.

Many who attended the public meeting said they wondered why council called the meeting in the first place. It was the feeling of most of those who attended that council was going to pass the budget the way it is, no matter what was said.

The 1984 budget lists total anticipated revenue for the general fund at \$1,112,282.00, and total expenditures at \$1,096,486.00.

This year's budget also allocates funds for an extra police officer, but this ordinance, which was put into effect in the 1940's, is \$4 or 10 days in Department, which will result in the

laying off of five employees.

In other business the council:

- Unanimously approved to amend the Administrative Code to allow the mayor to appoint an attorney to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Charlotte Moro appointed Attorney James Walker, 29 Larie Avenue, as attorney for the board. Her appointment was unanimously approved.

- Accepted an ordinance introduced by Councilman Moran to allow parking on Hospital Street, Scott Street, Shamrock Avenue, Pearl Street, Plum Street, Scott Street to the Danduff Street viaduct area. If passed by council, the ordinance will rescind a 1983 ordinance prohibiting parking on these streets because of the viaduct construction project.

- Accepted an amendment introduced by Councilman Moran to an ordinance that allows residents to shovel snow and ice onto city streets, but prohibits residents from throwing salt, cinders, garbage or other debris on the streets. Moran's amendment will prohibit shoveling snow and ice on the streets. The fine for violating this ordinance, which was put into effect in the 1940's, is \$4 or 10 days in Department, which will result in the

Lakeland

School Board meeting held

The Lakeland School Board met Wednesday, January 18 in a brief session attended by all members of the board and approved a Special Education Plan for the Lakeland School District. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will take place February 22 at 7 p.m. in the board room of the junior-senior high school.

In other matters the board:

- Accepted the resignation of Elizabeth Reeves, a school aide and Robert Mikulak as assistant basketball coach.

- Appointed Frank Santoro to conduct the spring Saturday music program at a salary of \$450.

- Authorized Charles Lockwitz to attend an athletic directors conference and Pat Pizzimenti to attend a business managers conference.

- Purchased six computers for elementary schools.

- Awarded contracts for reconditioning football equipment to Olympic Reconditioning Co. and Circle Systems.

- Approved the addition of Eric Soderow, Scranton, to the elementary daily substitute teacher's list for the 1983-84 school year only.

- Authorized the payment of the semi-annual lease rental of \$386,118.75 due on February 15 on the Lakeland Elementary Building.

- Approved a contract increase for Patricia Matti, Olyphant, RD, to transport non-public school children. Because of increased passengers and mileage, she will receive \$7.50 per day.

- Awarded a contract to Bonnie Snyder, Carbondale, RD, to transport non-public school students. She will receive \$5 per day.

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From Tri-County MH-MR Center

Helen Wilson retires

Helen Wilson, pictured, retired from the Tri-County Mental Health-Mental Retardation Center on December 31. Mrs. Wilson, a computer operator, is the first employee to retire from the center. She was hired on June 17, 1974 as the center's ninth employee.

Mrs. Wilson was honored by her fellow employees at a dinner on Friday, January 13 at Morrison's Restaurant.

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James Kilker's paintings "show off nature"

Carbondale native James Kilker recently presented his first professional exhibit of watercolor to the public in a one-man show at the George Frederic Library, Woodbridge, New Jersey. The exhibit was preceded by an artists' reception attended by 150 guests. The month-long exhibit contained 43 works of art.

Mr. Kilker is the son of the late James and Bessie Kilker, 48 Canaan Street. He is a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School and St. Thomas University. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and later became a member of the 26th Division of the 9th Infantry, Second Battalion, E Company, National Guard.

He is married to the former Eleanor Barrett, also of Carbondale. The Kilkers now reside at 88 West Edwards Drive, Iselin, New Jersey. They have three children: James Jr., Mike and Mrs. John Nakaro, and four grandchildren, all of whom reside in New Jersey.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Kilker left Carbondale over 30 years ago, they are frequent visitors here.

Mr. Kilker retired from the General Motors Company, Clark, New Jersey, following a massive heart attack

several years ago. It was then that he began to study watercolor painting. He had already been a serious photography student having won numerous first place prizes for his photographic work.

He and his wife began to travel to New England and Pennsylvania and where he painted and studied the sea, New England villages, mallards and other facets of nature.

His niece, Sheila Cook of Scranton, also an artist said, "I once painted with Uncle Jim at his home where he shared his technique and special way with colors with me. His paintings show off precise bits of nature at their finest."

Mr. Kilker also travels to Appalachia to paint, but he doesn't paint pictures there, but homes. In another of his endeavors, Jim Kilker helps his son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Mary Tom, who head a committee of volunteers that travels to the back woods of Appalachia to help people there modernize the living quarters.

Jim Jr., teaches at the private Catholic girls school and recruits his students to practice their Christianity during the summer. They and the Kilkers, roofed, remodeled and repainted houses

laughing and sharing in a spirit

reminiscent of our early beginnings as a country," said Jim.

James Kilker Sr. strives at his paintings, travels, studies and persists. Why? As he said, "I have a love of life and the environment and I can now express that love with my watercolors. My paintings are a result of all of the images of nature I have accumulated throughout my life."

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Yearbooks are in!

The 1983 Carbondale Area Yearbooks may be picked up the week of January 22 thru 27 at the high school. See Mr. Kilker in the Chemistry Room between the hours of 1 and 3 p.m. Due to unforeseen circumstances, a \$5.00 fee to pay for cost overrun is necessary.